

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO HONOR THE LIFE OF IRENE GENEVIEVE STRANGIO

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2013

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of an extraordinary woman, Irene Genevieve Strangio, who died at the age of 89 in Mountain View, California, on October 21, 2013. Her beloved Mountain View community was the beneficiary of so much of her brilliance and activism, and our world is a better place because she graced it.

Irene Strangio was born in Brooklyn, New York, to Robert and Irene Thornton and was the eldest of seven siblings. Irene made Mountain View her home and gave it her all. Known for her generous heart, she often shared with family and friends her artistic talents, knack for journalism, and popular kitchen abilities. As a trained R.N. she dispensed professionalism mixed with caring, and her work ethic shined through anything she set her mind to.

Irene was the loving mother of five children: Marie, Jes, Elizabeth, Michael, and Janis, and the devoted grandmother and great-grandmother to many. She leaves behind countless friends and I feel privileged to count myself among them. Irene, her husband John who predeceased her, and their family have been my friends since 1966.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending our condolences to the entire Strangio family who mourn the passing of this great and good woman. I'm deeply grateful to have known Irene and even prouder to call her my friend. Through her integrity, decency and wisdom, she strengthened each of us and made our community and our country better.

RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL HOSPICE AND PALLIATIVE CARE MONTH

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize November as National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. Palliative care focuses on relieving the pain, stress and symptoms of a serious illness while hospice focuses on caring for a patient based on his or her own unique needs and wishes. In 2012, an estimated 1.6 million individuals received hospice services including home based care, continuous home care, general inpatient care for pain control or complex symptom management or inpatient respite care.

Unlike care delivered at a hospital, the hospice team consists of a group of individuals

whose goal is to provide support for both the patient and the patient's family. As the Safe Haven Hospice in Lincoln, Illinois says "hospice is about adding life to [one's] days."

The U.S. hospice movement was founded by volunteers who play an instrumental role in hospice care. In 2012, an estimated 400,000 hospice volunteers provided 19 million hours of service. One of those volunteers is a constituent of mine who became involved following the unexpected death of her son.

Hospice volunteers like this individual support and enhance the hospice care team. In fact, hospice is the only provider whose Medicare Conditions of Participation requires volunteers to provide at least 5 percent of total patient care hours.

I urge my colleagues to recognize the important work of hospice and palliative care providers and volunteers in their communities during National Hospice and Palliative Month.

RECOGNIZING RECIPIENTS OF THE 2013 ARTS COUNCIL OF FAIRFAX COUNTY ARTS AWARDS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 15, 2013

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the recipients of the 2013 Arts Awards presented by the Arts Council of Fairfax County. These awards recognize the extraordinary contributions of artists and arts organizations, as well as the individuals and businesses in Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, and the City of Falls Church that support the arts in our community.

Founded in 1964, the Arts Council of Fairfax County, Inc. is a non-profit organization designated as Fairfax County's local arts agency to promote all forms of art. The Arts Council operates programs and initiatives that include grants, arts advocacy, education, and professional development opportunities for artists and arts organizations. In FY13, the Arts Council awarded grants to 62 organizations and 3 artists, funded more than 2,600 performances and activities, which were attended by more than 1.2 million people. In addition, The Arts Council of Fairfax County has been a strong supporter and sponsor of the 11th Congressional District High School Arts Competition and has been instrumental in making this program one of the most successful in the nation.

The Arts Awards honor supporters of the arts in four categories: the Jinx Hazel Arts Citizen of the Year Award, the Arts Achievement Award, the Emerging Arts Award, and the Arts Philanthropy Award. It is my honor to enter the following names of the 2013 Arts Awards Recipients into the Congressional Record:

The Jinx Hazel Arts Citizen of the Year Award is presented to The Fairfax County

Economic Development Authority, FCEDA, for its outstanding leadership and service to civic life and leadership in the arts and culture in Fairfax County. FCEDA highlights Fairfax County's rich cultural life and cosmopolitan environment through its international marketing campaigns, web site, and the presentation of opportunities in the arts to its many business prospects. FCEDA believes it is important to support organizations that enhance the overall quality of life for the residents of Fairfax County.

The Arts Achievement Award is presented to Ms. Kathryn Fredgren in recognition of 32 years of vision and leadership in bringing the highest quality dance performances of classical ballet, contemporary and modern dance, jazz, and tap dance to thousands of children and adults in Northern Virginia. Together with her husband Ken, Ms. Fredgren founded The Center Dance Company in 1981. Re-named BalletNova Center for Dance in 2009, the organization continues to be one of the most widely respected dance training centers in Northern Virginia. Upon her retirement as artistic director of BalletNova, Ms. Fredgren brought her love of children and innovative teaching to her position as dance artist-in-residence at Hunter Woods Elementary School in Reston from 2005 to 2011. She currently serves on BalletNova's board of directors.

Riverbend Opera Company, one of the two professional opera companies in Fairfax County, is the recipient of the Emerging Arts Award for its entrepreneurial and high quality arts programming. Founded in 2009, Riverbend Opera Company brings professional opera productions to Northern Virginia and provides performance opportunities to established and emerging music professionals. Through a partnership with Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, Riverbend provides students with opportunities to work with music professionals, learn the background and history of operatic works, study the music in depth, and join in as chorus members during the Company's performances.

The Art Philanthropy Award is presented to Cityline Partners LLC for its outstanding support and leadership to the arts. Cityline owns, manages, and develops transit-oriented real estate holdings in Tysons and the D.C. metropolitan region. Continuing a strong tradition of philanthropy to the arts in Fairfax County, Cityline offers in-kind facility services to Traveling Players Ensemble and sponsors Celebrate Fairfax, the McLean Orchestra, and Youth Orchestra.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the recipients of the 2013 Arts Awards and in recognizing and thanking the visionaries, leaders, and supporters who help to make our Northern Virginia communities rich with cultural opportunities.

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